

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on October 28, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Supervisor's Announcements**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he attended the Mayors and Supervisors Association meeting at the beginning of the month to discuss the new cannabis law.

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, was a ribbon-cutting at Hillside Lake for the completion of the Storm Water Quality Improvement Grant Project. It filters approximately 25% of the storm water that enters the lake. They will be looking for more of these grants to potentially do more filtration for this lake. They will also be working with DEC regarding the dam issues.

There was a meeting with several of the fire commissioners and the Fire Chief discussing how the Town can assist the fire district. The Town's goal is to make all the fire hydrants within the Town usable for fire flow.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce contact breakfast where Deputy County executive Ron Hicks discussed economic development in Dutchess County.

There was a grand opening in the city of Poughkeepsie for Mid-Hudson Works that the Supervisor attended. Their mission is to hire and train veterans and individuals with physical and medical disabilities to get jobs.

Supervisor D'Alessandro met with the owners of Hopewell Mews to discuss certain ongoing issues with Abilities First and to discuss the crosswalk. He also spoke with New York State DOT to discuss some safety issues regarding the crosswalk.

During Hurricane Ida a bridge in East Fishkill was destroyed. He thanked everyone involved with replacing that with the temporary bridge within 11 days. FEMA has granted Dutchess County an Individual Assistance Declaration, which allows residents and property owners that sustained damage from Hurricane Ida to be eligible for potential FEMA assistance. Information is on the website for this. They are also working to establish disaster recovery centers.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the County Executive's 2022 budget presentation at the new state-of-the-art facility at Dutchess County Airport.

There was a monthly meeting with the Supervisor and the Police Chief and police supervisors. He thanked the Police Department for all their hard work.

Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson passed away a few weeks ago. He was an extraordinary public official. He will be sorely missed. Undersheriff Kirk Imperati is acting sheriff.

East Fishkill lost Clare Moran, who was an employee in the Assessor's office for 14 years. She was very active in the community and will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts go to her family.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Clerk Hurray (via video) to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance:

Peter	Thomas	Emanuele	Anil	Nicolas
Cassidy	Franco	Marinero	Beephan	D'Alessandro

Also in attendance:

Thomas Wood, Attorney; Scott Bryant, Engineer; Mark Pozniak, Comptroller; Chief Bellino, East Fishkill Police Department; Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Adjourned Public Hearing to Consider a Local Law that would Restrict Construction within Flood Plains

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to November 18 at 7:00 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes:**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes for the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are no additions to the agenda.

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked County Legislator Steve Caswell to give his quarterly report. Legislator Caswell spoke about the Lake Walton Reserve, the

use of ARP Funds for Dutchess Stadium Park and future projects for one-time spending items and small business assistance. He will be reviewing the 2022 budget from the County Executive and have it finalized by the end of the year. County Executive Molinaro will be here Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, conducting his town hall on the executive budget. Board Member Franco asked if there were any funds left over for recreation or had they all been exhausted. Legislator Caswell stated it is an ongoing project but there is still approximately \$400,000 left. The 2022 budget will provide an additional \$500,000 to this program. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if town sports groups could apply for grants for items they normally would have done fundraising for and Legislator Caswell said yes. The cap is \$20,000 per organization and libraries were also included in this and they were capped at \$50,000.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who would wish to speak on agenda items or town items.

Christopher Tamulonis thanked everyone for all their work to fight for the community.

Dave Prince and officers from East Fishkill Baseball thanked the Town Board, Highway Superintendent and everyone who makes the town what it is.

Keith Dimaso thanked the Town Board and staff for all their efforts with the Hillside Lake project.

Robert Grasso thanked everyone for their work at Hillside Lake. He thanked the tax receivers for their work as well.

John Polasko thanked everyone for everything they do for the town. Board Member Franco thanked him for his service.

### **Receive and File**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said a letter from the East Fishkill Historical Society has been received. They thanked the Board for their assistance with the grant and the event that they held.

### **Resolutions:**

- 1. Authorize Highway Superintendent to Award Additional Trucks for this Snow Plow Season**

### **RESOLUTION (AUTHORIZING SNOW PLOW BIDS FOR 2021)**

**WHEREAS**, under the Highway Law, the Highway Superintendent is allowed to utilize private contractors to assist him in the clearing of roads during the winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, on a 2 year basis the Town solicits bids for contractors to assist the Highway Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, 3 additional bids have been received by the Town Clerk and are summarized on the attached schedule; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby accept and approve the all bids on the attached schedule for the contractors listed therein to be utilized by the Highway Superintendent in the clearing of snow and ice in the winter season from the Town roads; and

Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to award additional trucks for this snowplow season: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **2. Authorize the Hiring of Several Temporary Typists**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **(APPOINTING TEMPORARY TYPISTS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has identified the need to hire additional temporary Typists to assist with clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Resources has interviewed viable candidates and recommends Gina Clark, Eleanor Harrold, Jonathan Shah and Alexandra Webb to the Town Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby appoints Gina Clark, Eleanor Harrold, Jonathan Shah and Alexandra Webb to temporary Typists effective October 29, 2021, to be paid at the hourly rate of \$15:38; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, such persons shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, such persons will be removed from the payroll upon completion of their tasks.

Motion to authorize the hiring of several temporary typists: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **3. Authorize the Recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **(DESIGNATE OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH)**

**WHEREAS**, according to data from recent years, it is estimated that over 504 people in Dutchess County will be diagnosed with breast cancer in a single year, while 84 are expected to die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a worldwide annual campaign in October, involving thousands of organizations, to highlight the importance of breast cancer awareness, education and research; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing the public's knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment can save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness month is an opportunity to unite all citizens in our community to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education and regular screening; and

**WHEREAS**, this October, as we race, display pink ribbons, or wear pink clothing to raise awareness, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those currently battling the disease, friends and families of a diagnosed patient, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers working to find a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, although mortality rates have fallen as knowledge about the disease has increased, the number of breast cancer cases diagnosed each year still continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS**, except for skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States. In 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the United States, along with 49,290 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. About 43,600 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2021 from breast cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of East Fishkill, and urge all residents to learn about and help eliminate this devastating disease.

Motion to authorize the recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Schedule a Board Meeting for November 18, 2021**

**RESOLUTION**

**(SCHEDULING A TOWN BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2021)**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to schedule a Voting Meeting on November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will conduct a Special Voting Meeting on November 18 at 7:00 pm with respect to voting on Town Issues as well as conduct 2 Public Hearings. The Said Voting Meeting shall be conducted at the Town Hall.

Motion to schedule a Board meeting for November 18, 2021: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Set a Public Hearing for November 18 on Opting Out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites with the Town of East Fishkill**

**RESOLUTION**

**(SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON OPTING OUT OF ALLOWING CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES WITHIN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Legislation (S.854-A/A.1248-A) effective March 31, 2021, the State of New York legalized recreational cannabis use and created a statutory system for the issuance of licenses for dispensaries and other related facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, while a local municipality is preempted and unable to prevent the recreational use of cannabis within its boundaries and also from adopting any law, rule, ordinance, regulation or prohibition pertaining to the operation or licensure of registered organizations, adult-use cannabis licenses or cannabinoid hemp licenses, it has the ability to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites within the Town that would otherwise be allowed under Cannabis Law Article 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is aware that many of its residents have strong opinions on this topic, and is scheduling a public hearing to allow these residents' voices to be heard;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, for a local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites in the Town of East Fishkill that would otherwise be allowed under Cannabis Law Article 4.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is authorized to provide all notice as required by statute.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for November 18, 2021 on opting out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites within the Town of East Fishkill: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize the Hiring of a Part-Time Typist in the Building Department/Water Sewer Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING A PART-TIME CLERK)**

**WHEREAS**, a recent departure of a part-time clerk has created a vacancy in Town Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer has identified the need to backfill said position to support the Water & Sewer Department and Building Department as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer recommends Christina Joudy for the position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby appoints Christina Joudy to part-time Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, such person will be paid pursuant to the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule effective October 29, 2021.

Motion to authorize the hiring of a part-time typist in the Building Department/Water Sewer Department: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Authorize Amending the Current Credit Card Policy**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(MODIFYING TOWN CREDIT CARD POLICY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously adopted and established a Credit Card Policy in June, 2013 and modified in June, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Comptroller has recommended to the Town Board that the Town Credit Card Policy be herein modified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the annexed credit card policy be and hereby is adopted for the Town of East Fishkill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that amended Credit Card Policy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Motion to authorize amending the current credit card policy: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Acknowledge the Hiring of a Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(ACKNOWLEDGING HIRING OF SEASONAL LABORER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has interviewed and hired a seasonal laborer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a letter to the Town Board attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges the hiring of Dylan Magnotta at an hourly rate of \$17.00 as full-time Seasonal Laborer effective October 20, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon completion of task, he shall be removed from the payroll.

Motion to acknowledge the hiring of a seasonal laborer for the Highway Department: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



**Additions to the Agenda by Majority Vote (if any):**

None.

**Budget Transfer:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there is one budget transfer for the month. The Town Board has received a copy to review.

Motion to approve the budget transfer as presented: Board Member Beephan.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the County Executive was now going to give his presentation.

County Executive Molinaro spoke about the proposed 2022 budget. He discussed shared services, sales tax exemptions, and various grants. Board Member Cassidy asked about the tax break for clothing purchased online. County Executive Molinaro said it would apply as well. He spoke about the American Rescue Plan Funding. He spoke about Dutchess Stadium. There was some discussion regarding internet services and providers. There was also some discussion regarding veteran issues. There will be a full budget presentation at the EF Town Hall on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Comments from Town Board Members:**

Highway Superintendent Williams stated paving season is almost over. There is a little to do in Dogwood Knolls and Hillside Lake. They will still be doing pothole repair. There was a lot of damage from Hurricane Ida, but most of the repair work is done. They will be starting on the trees next. The veterans banners will be coming down after Veterans Day and the Christmas wreaths will be going up.

Police Chief Bellino stated Clare Moran was always calm and composed on all scenes and helped countless people and on behalf of the EF Police Department, they love her and miss her.

Board Member Beephan said that in honor of National First Responder Day, he asked for a moment to show appreciation to all of them. On Halloween Day from 3 to 5 PM there will be a Halloween celebration at Mill Creek Caterers. There will be food, snacks, and candy.

Board Member Franco stated there was a Veterans committee meeting last week. They discussed RFP's for the new Veterans park. They're excited about moving forward with this project. The East Fishkill Hometown Connections was launched last week. They have already received five calls from senior citizens requesting

various issues they need assistance with. This will be a joint effort between the Police Department and the high school as well as some other agencies. If anyone knows of senior citizens who they would like to have checked on by the police or have minor repairs that students could assist with they can contact Christina Selback or Tom Franco.

Board Member Marinaro just wanted to state that financially East Fishkill is sound. He reviewed the fund balances for the past few years. The Town Board has addressed saving and spending in all departments and have conducted very efficient business for the community. Many things said on social media are lies and this Town wants to keep taxes at a minimum. 72% of your taxes are from the schools. He spoke about the tax revenue from Amazon and Frito-Lay.

Board Member Cassidy reminded everyone to be safe on the road when the children are out.

Supervisor D'Alessandro wished everyone a happy Halloween and be safe. Election Day is next Tuesday.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 PM: Board Member Cassidy. Seconded: Board Member Beephan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Board Meetings:**

<b>Voting/Budget Meeting:</b>	<b>November 4, 2021</b>
<b>Voting Meeting:</b>	<b>November 18, 2021</b>
<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>December 9, 2021</b>

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Carol A. Hurray  
– November 8, 2021